

**STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: September 18, 2002

**TO:** LAFCO Commissioners

**FROM:** Everett Millais, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** LAFCO 02-10 Russell Valley Municipal Water District Consolidation with Calleguas Municipal Water District

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Continue action on this matter until October 16, 2002.

**DISCUSSION:**

Before officially accepting this matter for filing, Revenue and Taxation Code §99 requires the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution agreeing to accept the future exchange of property tax revenues. This matter has been continued since June as the Commission is precluded from taking any action, except for a continuance, until the Board of Supervisors takes action. Staff initially understood that action by the Board of Supervisors would occur in late July, but a definitive date has yet to be scheduled for the Board to consider the property tax exchange issue. Thus, a further continuance by LAFCO is necessary.

The Board of Directors of both Russell Valley Municipal Water District and Calleguas Municipal Water District have adopted similar resolutions agreeing to the consolidation of both districts. Given this fact, LAFCO can only approve or modify the request (not deny). Once approved, a protest hearing (like a conducting authority protest hearing) must then be noticed and held. This is a process the Commission has delegated to the Executive Officer. After completion of the protest hearing, the Executive Officer will report the value and numbers of protests received to the Commission for final action, either ordering the consolidation or calling for an election. Depending on when the Board of Supervisors acts, the Commission's action will occur in October with final action occurring in November, if possible, or in January 2003.

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